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Group: 1615  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 31, 2001

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report in connection with the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of documents cited in this Supplementary Partial European Search Report. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents cited in this Supplementary Partial European Search Report.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed Supplementary Partial European Search Report, together with the abstracts of

the enclosed documents not in English.

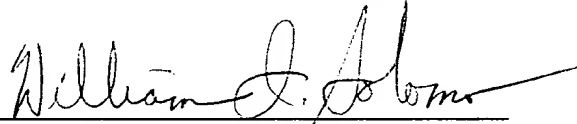
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In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have satisfied all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, in connection with the present filing of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 506.35379CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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